

Exhibit B-1



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In the Matter of:
**In Re: Bard IVC Filters Products
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1 are knowledgeable about the risks and benefits
2 associated with the procedure and the device.
3 That's dependent on having that information
4 available to them.

5 Q. Let me hand you what we will mark as
6 Exhibit 8.

7 Exhibit 8 was marked for
8 identification.

9 BY MR. BUSMAN:

10 Q. Do you recognize this as the
11 document identified in paragraph 24?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Take a look at the very top, if you
14 will, right under the heading: "Chapter Two,
15 Opinions on Consent, Communications and Decision
16 Making". I will read it into the record.

17 "The opinions in this chapter
18 are offered as ethics guidance
19 for physicians and are not
20 intended to establish
21 standards of clinical practice
22 or rules of law."

23 Did I read that correctly?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Do you agree with that statement?

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1 Q. Let's take a look, please, at
2 paragraph 26. If you could read that to yourself
3 and let me know when you are finished.

4 A. Okay.

5 Q. Let me hand you what we will mark as
6 Exhibit 9.

7 Exhibit 9 was marked for
8 identification.

9 BY MR. BUSMAN:

10 Q. Can you identify Exhibit 9 for the
11 record, please?

12 A. This is titled: "The ACR-SIR-SPR
13 Practice Parameter on Informed Consent For Image
14 Guided Procedures."

15 Q. Is the document we have identified
16 as Exhibit 9 the document that you refer to in
17 paragraph 26 of your report?

18 A. The paragraph in my report -- the
19 paragraphs in my report are sub-sections from
20 this document.

21 Q. Now, Exhibit 9 is a document put out
22 by the American College of Radiology; right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. In connection with what other
25 groups?

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1 A. With the Society of Interventional
2 Radiology and the SPR.

3 Q. Do you know what SPR stands for?

4 A. I think the acronym escapes me for
5 the moment.

6 Q. Now, are you a member of the
7 American College of Radiology?

8 A. No, I am not.

9 Q. Are you eligible to become a member
10 of the American College of Radiology?

11 A. That I don't know. As I said, I am
12 an interventional cardiologist, so there is some
13 overlap between radiology and interventional
14 cardiology, so it's possible I might be eligible.

15 Q. Are you a member of the Society of
16 Interventional Cardiology?

17 A. No, I am not.

18 Q. There is nothing in paragraph 26 of
19 your report that quotes from these practice
20 guidelines that specifically mentions any
21 obligation, responsibility or duty on behalf of a
22 medical device manufacturer; right?

23 A. No. As we mentioned earlier, there
24 is no specific mention in these paragraphs of the
25 responsibility of a medical device manufacturer,

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1 although I think there is -- it's implicit in
2 these paragraphs, because these paragraphs
3 discuss how a physician obtains informed consent
4 before doing a procedure, and they have to be
5 able to disclose to the patients the risks,
6 complications and expected benefits of the
7 procedure or device to the patient. So in order
8 to be able to do that they have to know what the
9 risks, complications and benefits are and how
10 frequently they occur.

11 Q. I am going to object and move to
12 strike as non-responsive. Is there anything in
13 paragraph 26 where you quote from these practice
14 guidelines that specifically references any
15 binding duty, obligation or responsibility of a
16 medical device manufacturer?

17 MR. ROTMAN: Objection. Asked and
18 answered.

19 THE WITNESS: No, there is nothing
20 specifically, you know, identifying the
21 responsibility of a medical device company in
22 these paragraphs.

23 BY MR. BUSMAN:

24 Q. Is Exhibit 9, in your opinion, the
25 same type of document as Exhibit 8 in terms of

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1 providing ethical guidance to practitioners?

2 A. Yes, very similar.

3 Q. Now, if you take a look at
4 Exhibit 9, I am going to read part of it into the
5 record. If you take a look at the preamble on
6 the first page. Do you see that heading?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. "This document is an
9 educational tool designed to
10 assist practitioners in
11 providing appropriate
12 radiologic care for patients."
13 Did I read that correctly?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Do you agree?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. The next sentence states:

18 "Practice parameters and
19 technical standards are not
20 inflexible rules or
21 requirements of practice and
22 are not intended nor should
23 they be used to establish a
24 legal standard of care."

25 Did I read that correctly?

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1 are provided by these organizations to provide
2 guidance to physicians on how to obtain informed
3 consent. At the same time, they don't want to
4 expose the physicians to lawsuits if they, you
5 know, if they haven't enumerated every single
6 risk or every single benefit. So they don't want
7 to -- they don't want to set this up as a way
8 for, I think, patients to sue physicians.

9 Q. Would I be correct that, in your
10 opinion, the documents cited in paragraphs 24, 25
11 and 26 do not constitute any legally binding
12 obligations for Bard?

13 MR. ROTMAN: Objection.

14 THE WITNESS: I think that they --
15 first of all, it doesn't appear that they are
16 legally binding obligations for physicians, if I
17 understand these sentences correctly. And none
18 of these paragraphs specifically mention medical
19 device manufacturers. So technically I think you
20 are correct. On the other hand, these are, you
21 know, very strongly advised and they are widely
22 accepted amongst physicians that these are the --
23 these are the components of full and informed
24 consent. If you want to get full and informed
25 consent you have to be fully apprised of the

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1 MR. ROTMAN: Objection.

2 THE WITNESS: Well, if we could turn
3 to the second part of paragraph 33 where we are
4 talking about it was misleading and detrimental
5 to patient health, safety, and informed consent
6 to continue to sell the earlier devices after the
7 newer ones had been cleared for marketing, so
8 that refers specifically to informed consent. So
9 we have earlier in my expert report a couple of
10 documents that speak to informed consent where
11 the physician has to give the risks and benefits
12 of the procedure or device.

13 BY MR. BUSMAN:

14 Q. You are talking about the documents
15 in paragraphs 24, 25 and 26; correct?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. Is it your opinion that the
18 documents in paragraphs 24, 25 and 26 are in some
19 way, shape or form actually binding on Bard,
20 controlling of its conduct?

21 A. No. As we discussed earlier, these
22 are strong ethical guidelines for physicians on
23 how to provide informed consent.

24 Q. So let me try the question one more
25 time. What binding document of any kind, whether

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1 it be a law, rule, standard or regulation, did
2 Bard violate in connection with the conduct
3 outlined in paragraph 33?

4 A. So again, I can't point you to a
5 particular document. I would say that I have
6 read the expert report of Dr. Kessler who is an
7 FDA expert, and he indicated in his documents
8 that Bard had violated, you know, various FDA
9 rules. I can't point to the particular
10 paragraphs where he said that.

11 Q. I am going to object and move to
12 strike everything other than "I can't point you
13 to a document." I didn't ask you about Dr.
14 Kessler; okay, or his litigation report in this
15 case. I am going to take your report as a whole
16 for the purpose of my next question; okay? I am
17 referring to your expert report that we have
18 identified here and any rebuttal report or
19 supplemental report that you have served in this
20 case. You have not identified any binding
21 document of any kind, whether it be a law, rule,
22 regulation or guidance that you believe Bard
23 violated in connection with any of your expert
24 opinions in this case; right?

25 A. Again, I don't know if this gets to